

**MINUTES**  
**LASSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**November 27, 2007**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**ITEM NO. 1:      CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL:**

The Regular Board meeting of the Lassen Municipal Utility District was called to order at 5:35 PM by President Langston.

Board Members Present: Wayne Langston (President), Fred Nagel (Vice-President), and Darrell Wood (Director).

Also Present: General Manager Frank Cady, Assistant General Manager Ray Luhring, Engineering & Operations Manager Dave Folce, General Counsel Jaimee Jones, Accounting & Finance Manager Bill Stewart, Facilities Manager Paul Glau, Business Office Manager Keri Richards, Energy Services and Compliance Specialist Theresa Boucher, IT/GIS Coordinator Mike Malone, Executive Assistant Karen Rollings, Administrative Assistant Chris Yarbrough, Accounting Technician Cady Schroeder and Board Secretary Jerri Kresge.

**ITEM NO. 2:      APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Floor opened for public comment. No comment. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3:      INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*[President Langston opens the floor for public comment after pointing out the Rules for Public Comment.]*

- Ray Thomas, Senior Business Rep., IBEW Local 1245, read a letter dated 10/25/07 from Dennis Seyfer, IBEW Local 1245 Assistant Business Manager, to the LMUD Board of Directors regarding allegations of misconduct by upper level management toward certain District employees.

He said, to date, the Union had not received a response to this letter.

- Sonya Hubbard, LMUD Meter Reader, read a letter dated 11/27/07 to the LMUD Board of Directors. The letter set forth the feelings of almost all of LMUD's 38 employees which cited alleged misconduct by LMUD's General Manager and the existence of a hostile work environment.
- Daniel DeKock, local school teacher, stated that on 6/26/07 he submitted a Public Records Act Request to LMUD requesting information on legal and consultant fees paid by LMUD. He commented that the amount LMUD pays to lawyers and consultants is staggering. He mentioned he heard of one LMUD consultant and an upper level management employee of the District playing golf on company time and getting paid for it.
- Jess Urionaguena told the Board of Directors that there should be a change of venue for this meeting as there were several members of the public standing outside of the boardroom because it was filled to capacity. He said the Board worked for the ratepayers and the meeting should be adjourned to a larger facility.....gavel.....audience is out of order.

**ITEM NO. 4:      INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**A.      Board and Staff Response (if any) to Public Comment.**

- President Langston replied to Ray Thomas that the District's Special Counsel had responded to the Union's letter from Mr. Seyfer. Mr. Thomas stated that the Union had not received this response.

**B. Interview of Candidates and Possible Appointments for Board Vacancies in Wards 2 & 5.**

- President Langston stated that the Board will be conducting interviews in open session at this meeting. The term for Ward 5 will end 12/2008 and the appointee must run for re-election in the 11/2008 General Election if they choose to do so. (Ward 2 Appointee will run for confirmation of the remaining 2 years of the term). The Board requested that candidates leave the boardroom while each candidate is being interviewed. The candidates were agreeable to this request.

**CANDIDATE NO. 1: PHIL BERTANZONI WARD 2:**

Mr. Bertanzoni stated he had previously worked in construction and was now retired. Now that he is retired, he wants to do his part for LMUD. He has common sense, great integrity and is a decision maker.

- Director Nagel asked Mr. Bertanzoni if he was a registered voter in Ward 2. Mr. Bertanzoni replied, yes he was.
- Director Wood said LMUD has numerous issues to address and it is very important that board meetings are attended regularly. Mr. Bertanzoni stated he has nothing but time now that he is retired.

.....gavel by President Langston.....audience is out of order. President Langston states that the Board will continue with this meeting.....gavel.....audience is out of order. President Langston asked the audience to clear the boardroom. The audience did not comply with this request.

- Jess Urionaguena shouts “did I not ask you for a change of venue. You are ignoring us....you represent us....the owners of this utility”.
- Member of the Public: I agree with Mr. Urionaguena.
- President Langston apologized that there was not enough room. He stated the Board has timeframes and it is the Board’s duty to do these interviews and appoint board directors at this meeting.

- Member of the Public: The Board can delay this meeting.....let the people hear what is going on.
- John Zenith stated the whole meeting should be adjourned as a violation of the fire code existed.
- General Counsel Jones said that the meeting can be delayed 5 days and the Board can still work with the same agenda. A notice must be posted within 24 hours regarding the change in location and the meeting place and time.
- President Langston asked about a location to hold the meeting. A member of the public said the Susan River Fire Hall in Johnstonville could be used. A meeting time of 6 PM was suggested.
- President Langston called in the other board director candidates and told them what was happening. They were agreeable to the meeting change and would be available for the interviews.

President Langston called for a break at 6:28 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:38 PM. The following was reported by President Langston:

- It is the consensus of the Board to work with the November 27, 2007 agenda and continue this meeting to November 28, 2007 at the Susan River Fire Hall in Johnstonville at 6:00 PM. A Notice regarding this meeting change will be posted.

**ITEM NO. 5: ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.